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Public Utilities

1. The city of Novy Jicin [4936N-1801E] gets its water supply from nearby, but I do not know exactly where. I never heard of any shortages of water. There is a water reservoir atop a small mountain about one km. southeast of the city.
2. Novy Jicin has a small gas works [Point #1, Annex A]. The supply of natural gas for the town is adequate.
3. Novy Jicin is supplied with electric power by the East Moravian Electrical Works [Vychodomoravske Elektrarny] [4927N-1727E]. During the winter of 1951-1952, the electric lights went out almost daily in Opava [4957N-1755E] and Novy Jicin; the power failure usually occurred between 1800 and 2000 hours and lasted half an hour, an hour, and sometimes even longer. The reason given for cutting off the electric current at that time was that nearby industrial installations needed all available power during those hours. Posters and placards posted in public places urged the people to use as little current as possible during these hours. It was later specified which electrical appliances could and which could not be used during these critical hours. Otherwise, the posters warned, "the current would be cut off completely". Some of the posters carried the slogan, "It is better to use rationed current than none at all". These posters made some people laugh but they created dissatisfaction among the population. The people often spoke of the candles they had ready at home, "just in case the lights go out again tonight".

Transportation

4. The railway station [Point #2, Annex A] in Novy Jicin is small, and could accommodate only two short trains at any one time. The only train which uses this station is a local which goes to Suchdol [4939N-1756E]. The railway station has only one loading platform. There is another even smaller station [Point #3, Annex A] from which a local train runs to Hodslavice [4932N-1802E].

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5. There are no bridges in the Novy Jicin area.

Industries

6. There is a large factory called "Tonak" /Point #4, Encl A/ which manufactures hats. There were posters in the town square stating that this factory filled orders from the Soviet Union.
7. There is a cigar and cigarette factory, just off Priborska Silnice /Point #5, Encl A/.

Military Installations

8. Not far from the city a new ammunition dump /Point #6, Encl A/ is being built. The main building was completed in early 1952; it is a long, rectangular-shaped building with a round roof. The dump is surrounded by a high wall, with barbed wire along the top; strong searchlights are placed at each corner. Uniformed troops are assigned to guard the dump. [REDACTED] wife of Lt. Col. Pavelka, head of the Military Prep School in Novy Jicin.
9. There is a Military Prep School /Point #7, Encl A/ in Novy Jicin. /Covered in detail in [REDACTED] 25X1A
10. The building called "Tonak 2" /Point #8, Encl A/ housed the administration offices of the small (120 men) military garrison stationed in the area.
11. Just 500 m. NE of the main railway station on Priborska highway, there is a smaller, barrack-type building called "Tonak 3". /Point #9, Encl A/. Approximately one company of infantry troops quartered here.

Miscellaneous

12. The district hospital is located near the park, Smetanovy Sady /Point #10, Encl A/.

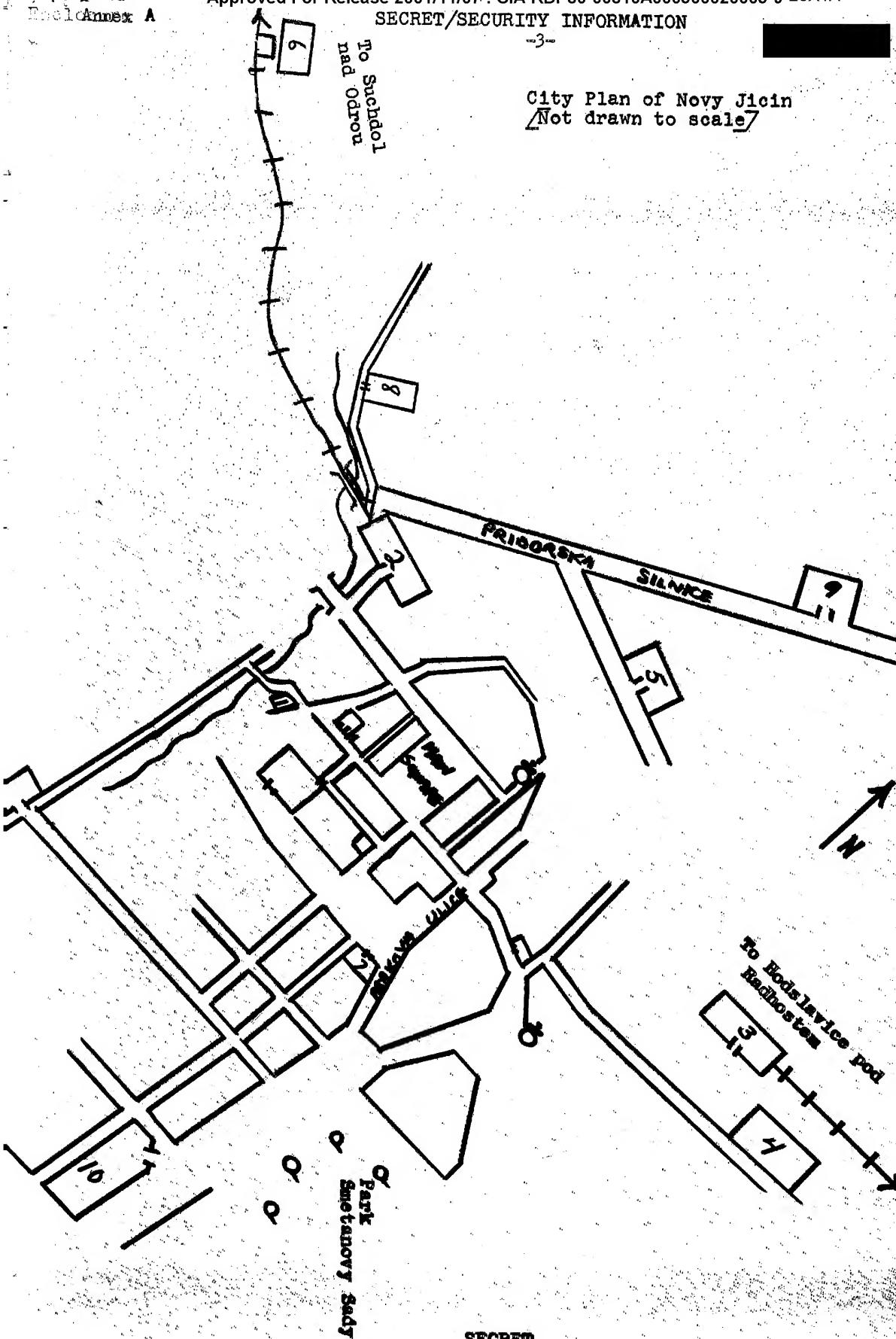
Annex A: City Plan of Novy Jicin

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City Plan of Novy Jicin
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